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Honorable members of the Judiciary committee:

We need to preserve the 72 hr waiting period for gun purchase. As a career pediatrician in Maine, I have seen many situations when a 'cooling off' period would have prevented tragedy. Consider domestic violence situations. Consider the transient and intense mood swings of young adults.

We also need background checks to prevent weapons from falling into risky hands. Please note that neither of the above would affect our law abiding, responsible gun owners.

THANK YOU.

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